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NO BYLINE. FROM LONDON

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE MADE IT 'VERY CLEAR' TODAY THE US HAS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL AND HAS NO INTENTION OF IMPOSING ANY MIDEAST PEACE SETTLEMENT ON THE JEWISH STATE."

OTHER POINTS:

-- ALLON HAS NO FEAR OF BEING ISOLATED

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-- ALLON UNDERSTANDS US DOES NOT INTEND TO COME OUT WITH ITS OWN PEACE PLAN

-- VANCE OFF TO MADRID NEXT

-- THURSDAY ON TO TERHAN FOR CENTO

-- CENTO TALKS MARRED BY BHUTTO CHARGES AGAINST US, WHICH VANCE HAS DENIED. VANCE HOPES TEHRAN TALKS WILL EASE STRAINS.

-- VANCE-ALLON TALKS COME AT TIME ISRAELI OFFICIALS FEARED US PRESSURE TO ACCEPT CONCESSIONS HASTILY BEFORE GENEVA CONF RESUMES.

-- VANCE'S COMMENTS "APPEARED AIMED AT DISCOURAGING SPECULATION THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT GET THE MILITARY WEAPONRY IT NEEDS FOR ITS DEFENSE."

REUTERS: (GUTMAN) FROM MADRID

LEAD; RE VANCE-ALLON MEETING

"SECSTATE VANCE SAID TODAY HE DETECTED SOME SIGNS OF MOVEMENT BY ARAB LEADERS ON MIDDLE EAST AND THAT HE THOUGHT THEY NOW HAD BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ISRAEL'S REQUIREMENTS FOR PEACE SETTLEMENT."

--VANCE EXPECTS TO DELAY ME TRIP TIL JULY BUT INDICATED SINCE MAY TAKE TWO MONTHS FOR ISRAEL TO FORM GOVT.

--VANCE DID NOT CHARACTERIZE MEETING WITH ALLON, BUT INDICATED SOME ISRAELI DISQUIET ABOUT US-MIDEAST APPROACH.

RE. US-SPAIN CONSULTATIONS
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LEAD:"SECSTATE VANCE ARRIVED FOR SEMI-ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON MILITARY COOPERATION."

OTHER POINTS:

--OFFICIALS IN VANCE PARTY SAID PRINCIPAL AIM TO HELP SPAIN OVERCOME ITS ISOLATION FROM WEST IN MILITARY PLANNING LOOKING TOWARD DAY IT MIGHT JOIN NATO.

--VANCE EXPECTS TO BRIEF SPANISH OFFICIALS ON LONDON ECONOMIC AND NATO SUMMITS; ME AND MEDITERRANEAN AND ALSO MIGHT BE COVERED.

2. TV

NBC EVENING NEWS

CHANCELLOR: SECRETARY VANCE MET WITH ISRAELI FM ALLON

TODAY IN LONDON ON THE RECENT TALKS BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND ARAB LEADERS. ISRAEL IS NERVOUS ABOUT AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR A ME PEACE. VANCE'S MEETING TODAY WAS AN ATTEMPT TO CALM THE ISRAELIS.

UTLEY: THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. SECRETARY VANCE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE US WOULD NOT TRY TO DICTATE A SETTLEMENT IN THE ME, NOR WOULD IT DENY ISRAEL THE WEAPONS IT NEEDS.

VANCE: WE HAVE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT WE HAVE
-- A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL. WE
-- ARE COMMITTED TO THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL.
-- AND AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST, WE WILL IN
-- THE FUTURE, MAKE SURE ISRAEL HAS THE DEFENSE
-- ARTICLES TO PRESERVE THAT SECURITY INCLUD-
-- ING THE NECESSARY ADVANCE TECHNOLOGY WHICH
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-- WILL BE REQUIRED.

UTLEY: MR. VANCE'S STATEMENT MEANS THAT THE US WILL NOT TWIST ISRAEL'S ARM, AT LEAST NOT IN PUBLIC WHERE EVERY ONE CAN SEE. SO INSTEAD OF A FORMAL AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR A SETTLEMENT, THERE WILL BE INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS. THIS MEANS THAT ARMS CAN BE TWISTED MORE DISCRETELY IN PRIVATE. WHATEVER THE METHOD, THE NEXT STEP IN THE ME IS NOW FULLY UP TO THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

CBS EVENING NEWS

CRONKITE: SECSTATE VANCE MET IN LONDON FOR 2 HOURS TODAY WITH ISRAELI FM ALLON. THE ISRAELIS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE US MIGHT USE MILITARY ARMS REQUESTS TO PRESSURE ISRAEL INTO ACCEPTING A ME PEACE PLAN.

BOB SIMON: THIS WAS THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN SECSTATE VANCE AND FM ALLON IN 2 AND ONE-HALF MONTHS. MR. VANCE SAID HE WANTED TO BRING THE ISRAELIS UP-TO-DATE ON THE LATEST ARAB THINKING. MR. ALLON WANTED TO BE REASSURED THAT THE US DOES NOT INTEND TO IMPOSE A ME SETTLEMENT AND DESPITE REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY, WASHINGTON WILL CONTINUE TO SATISFY ISRAEL'S DEFENSE NEEDS.

-- VANCE: SAME QUOTE AS ABOVE.

SIMON: VANCE TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE SEES SOME SIGNS OF A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE ME GOVERNMENTS AND HE PLANS TO VISIT THE AREA AFTER A NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS FORMED, PROBABLY IN JULY.

ABC EVENING NEWS

WALTERS: SECSTATE VANCE BRIEFED ISRAELI FM ALLON IN
LONDON TODAY, IN THIS LATEST ROUND OF US TALKS WITH ARAB
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LEADERS. VANCE TOLD ALLON THAT THE US WILL NOT TRY TO
IMPOSE A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDEAST. HE ALSO SAID THAT
HE THINKS ARAB LEADERS NOW HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING
OF ISRAEL'S REQUIREMENTS FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

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